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1. The Poles have constructed a factory for the production of steam turbines in one of the halls of the old Schichau-Werk in Elblag (Lening). This factory is believed capable of constructing turbines up to 2,000 kw in size, and is the only known Polish factory capable of producing steam turbines. The factory was originally constructed in 1949-1950, but was allegedly blown up with all its machine tools just as construction was completed. Reportedly, the former directors of the plant are still in jail for having failed to prevent this act of sabotage. Since that time, the turbine factory has been rebuilt and is now believed to be in operation.
2. Recently the Poles completed preparations for transporting an old turbine from the Jupiter coal mine in Upper Silesia to the Elblag turbine factory for an overhaul. This turbine had been originally constructed by the Allgemeine Electricitaets Gesellschaft (AEG) in Berlin and had been installed in the Jupiter coal mine sometime prior to World War II. It has a capacity of 15mw. After its overhauling at Elblag, it will be installed in a chemical factory near Bydgoszcz (Gdansk).

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